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The County should develop a contingency plan to ensure the provision of quality medical services in the South Los Angeles area if operations at King/Drew Medical Center do not improve prior to the expiration of the Navigant contract. Services provided at King/Drew Medical Center are too important to the safety net to be lost.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in conjunction with the Department of Health Services (DHS), County Counsel and other appropriate departments, be instructed to develop a contingency plan to ensure the provision of quality medical services in the South Los Angeles area if operations at King/Drew Medical Center do not improve prior to the expiration of the Navigant contract. The plan should call for contracting out the entire operation of the hospital to a qualified hospital service provider employing qualified personnel. Insofar as possible, the plan should call for continued provision of all hospital services during the transition from County operation to contractor operation.

I FURTHER MOVE that:

1. The CAO and other appropriate departments be instructed to contact potential

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qualified providers of hospital service in order to determine whether, under what conditions and in what period of time they would be willing and able to operate the KDMC hospital on a contractual basis with the County and report back with estimated costs;

2. The County Counsel be instructed to report back to the Board on the legal requirements for such a plan, and the CAO and DHS be instructed to report back on the employee relations implications of such a plan;

3. The CAO and DHS be instructed to jointly open discussions with the UCLA and USC Schools of Medicine to determine what role, if any, they could play in a contracted-out hospital;

4. These reports be presented to the Board of Supervisors on or before August 2, 2005, so that if operations at KDMC do not qualitatively improve by that time, the Board of Supervisors will be in a position to credibly implement such alternative plan before the expiration of the current Navigant contract. Similarly, if operations at KDMC do improve, and if such improvements are sufficient to render a contracting plan unnecessary, work on such plan can be suspended or cancelled.

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